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November 13, 1989

Kinetics Minerals
1012 North Beck Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

RE: Stateline Tailings Pond

Dear Sirs:

We inspected your cyanide tailings pond at Stateline, October 30, 1989, which was permitted in May 1983 by this office. Your operation appears to be suspended and the pond is pooling rain water that is attracting small animals and birds. The pond liner had several puncture holes, and at several locations was becoming somewhat brittle due to aging. Although the punctures can be repaired, we believe the liner has about 1 year to 18 months of useful life remaining. Therefore, unless you have plans to resume operations within the immediate future, we will need to examine your plans for neutralization and burial of the cyanide tailing and disposal of the liner. Removal of the dam should be coordinated with Robert Morgan, State Engineer, as per their letter of September 8, 1989. This action is necessary because the standing water and tailings are a hazard to small wildlife and to wells downgradient the pond. Please submit a letter to us by December 15, 1989 of your intentions regarding this pond. If you have further questions contact Mack Croft at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler

Don A. Ostler, Director
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cc: Gerald Stoker, Area Engineer, Cedar City, Utah
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